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The submission of the attached English language abstract along with JPA No. 9-91421 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of the reference.

US Patent No. 5,359,513 corresponds with Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 7-37074.

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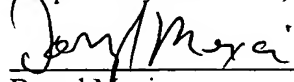
US Patent Nos. 5,790,690 and 6,011,862 correspond with Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 8-335271.

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